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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Petition of Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC for Leave to Substitute
Performance Bond for Letter of Credit and Request for Waiver of Notice by
Publication and Expedited Review
Docket No. 2021-117-S

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not object to the petition filed by Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC ("PWR" or the "Company") for leave to substitute a performance bond for its current letter of credit and request for waiver of notice by publication and expedited review ("Petition").

Overview of the PWR's Request

In its Petition, PWR requests to substitute a Performance Bond with surety provided by Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company for its current Letter of Credit ("LOC"). PWR also states in its Petition that if the Commission were to grant this Petition, PWR will deliver the executed original Performance Bond to the Commission and ask that the Commission request cancellation of the LOC. Finally, PWR requests that this matter be considered by the Commission on an expedited basis without notice by publication or hearing.

ORS Recommendation

S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-512.3 requires that "the utility shall have on file with the Commission and provide a copy to the ORS a performance bond with sufficient surety using a format prescribed by the [C]ommission." PWR currently has on file with the Commission a Letter of Credit ("LOC") in the amount of \$350,000. According to ORS's records, the Company's current LOC will expire on April 10, 2021.

S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-512.3.2 states that:

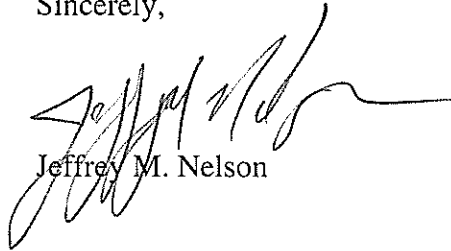
Sufficient surety may be any duly licensed bonding or insurance company authorized to do business in this State. A corporate surety, other than such a bonding or insurance company, shall not be considered sufficient surety. Sufficient surety may be any individual, as stockholder, partner, sole owner, etc., in the utility, so long as the individual surety's net worth is at least twice the face amount of the performance bond. {emphasis added}

Therefore, ORS does not object to the Company's request to substitute a Performance Bond with surety provided by Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company for its current LOC. ORS also does not object to the Company's request that this matter be considered by the Commission on an expedited basis without notice by publication or hearing.

The Performance Bond surety should be filed with the Commission on or before April 10, 2021 to ensure continued surety for the Company's Performance Bond.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey M. Nelson', is written over the printed name.

Jeffrey M. Nelson

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)
David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)